

Welcome aboard *USS Carl Vinson*



Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group Gazette

Friends and Family Fun Day

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Favorite Aircraft
Carrier." Enjoy the
experience of a
lifetime.

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Friends and Family Fun Day Extravaganza

By JO3 Jason McCammack

Carl Vinson is hosting over 2,000 guests for "Friends and Family Day" on Saturday, Oct. 16. The cruise is an opportunity for the crew to share their CVN 70 experience with those most important to them.

Once aboard Carl Vinson, guests will be educated on carrier life and entertained by a number of special events, including a festival atmosphere that will spring to life in the Gold Eagle hangar bay. Live music, carnival-style games and video game outlets are among the planned attractions.

"It will be a fun, busy day, filled with lots of activities going on at the same time," said Services Officer, Lt. Cmdr. James Gayton.

As the action-packed day commences, Carl Vinson Voice-of-the-Day, JO1(SW/



More than 2,000 "Gold Eagle" guests will experience a day at sea Saturday during Vinson's Friends and Family Fun Day Cruise. Official U.S. Navy photo.

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We hope you enjoy your day aboard the supercarrier. For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office at pao@vinson.navy.mil

Get Qualified as an honorary Carl Vinson Surface Warrior

As a part of working on one of the Navy's most powerful warships, "Gold Eagle" Sailors have the chance to earn the coveted Enlisted Surface Warfare qualification -- and now you can be "Carl Vinson Warrior" qualified, too.

During this Friends and Family Day cruise, the "Gold Eagle" will give children of all ages a chance to earn their honorary warfare qualifications.

Sailors earn their qualifications by learning about every nook and cranny of "America's Favorite Carrier." To get started on your journey through all the ship has to offer, upon arrival, grab the Personnel

Qualification Standards (PQS) booklet from your gift bag and stand by for the experience of a lifetime.

A PQS is a record of training used to track qualifications by demonstrating proficiency in the performance of various watch stations and tasks. You can demonstrate that you have gained the knowledge it takes to be a "Carl Vinson Warrior" by having Sailors at the various PQS tour stops sign your booklet.

The PQS tours will begin at 8:05 and leave Hangar Bay 1

every five minutes until 9:00. They resume at 1:00 and continue until 2:00.

Your tour will take you from the Hangar Bays to the Bridge, and everywhere in between.

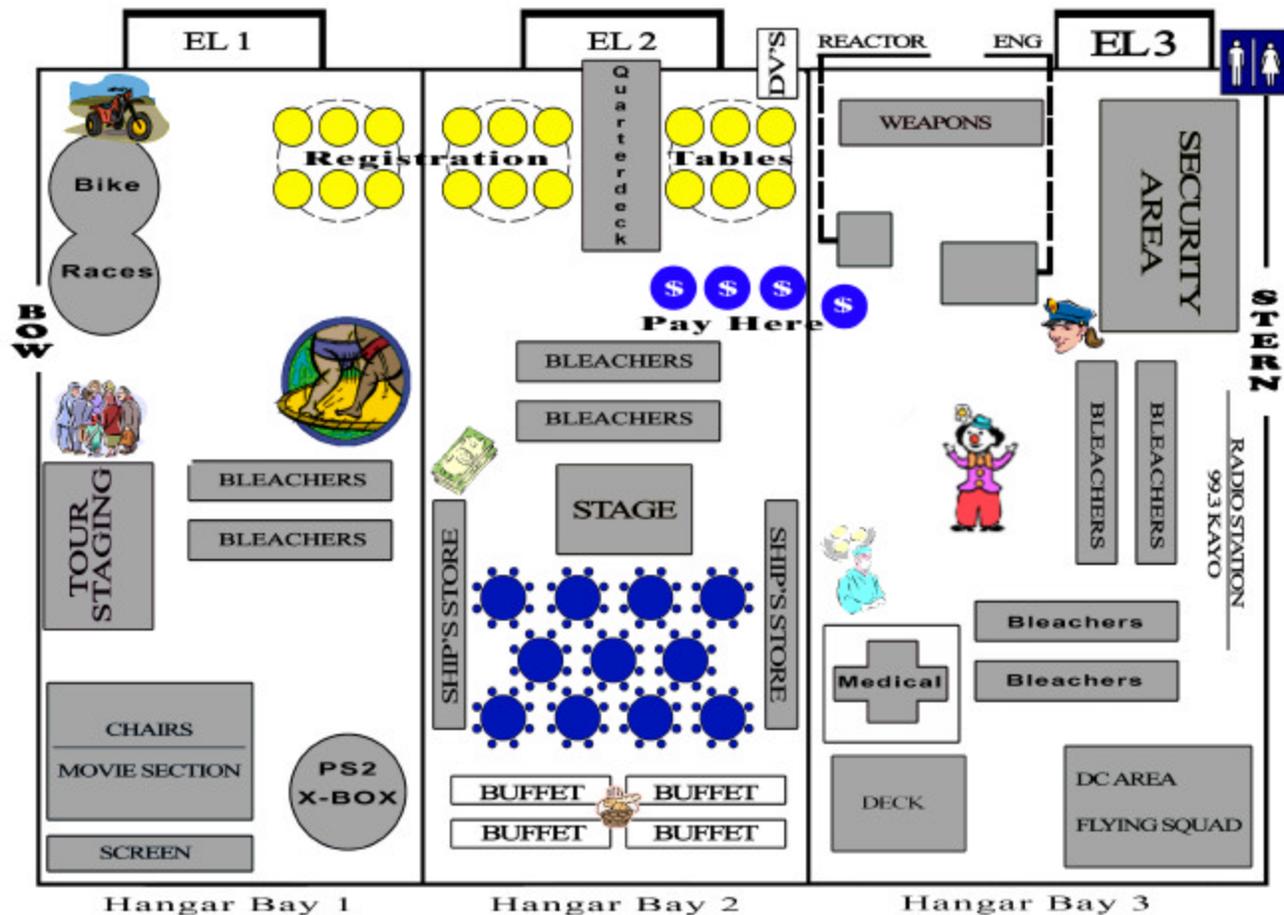
Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the contents of this PQS. If you need help understanding it, ask your sponsor or contact the department in charge.

During your tour, please stay with your assigned tour group and follow the schedule in your PQS booklet.

Your PQS will help to ensure your visit to "America's Favorite Aircraft Carrier" is both rewarding and educational. Upon completion, you

will receive your surface warrior badge, representing your status as an honorary Carl Vinson Surface Warrior.





Don't miss a single event

- 4:45 Open registration
- Breakfast served in Hangar Bay 2
- 6:00 All guest must be on board
- 6:15 Command Welcome in Hangar Bay 2
- 7:00 Underway
- 8:00 Static Displays open
- 10:10 FOD Walkdown -- Flight Deck
- 10:30 Air Demonstration -- Flight Deck
- Lunch served in Hangar Bay 2
- 1:00 Vinson begins transit to Pier Delta
- 3:00 Moored Pier Delta

Security Drill

See how 'bad guys' are taken down when they're caught on the ship: 8:30, 11:00 and 1:15 in Hangar Bay 3.

Flying Squad Drill

Carl Vinson's Flying Squad is always on call to respond to any and all damage-control emergencies that occur while the ship is underway. Catch the damage-control pros in action at 9:15, 10:45 and 12:30 in Hangar Bay 3.

Barricade Drill / Crash & Salvage

In the event an aircraft can't catch the arresting-gear wire, the Air Department team must quickly put up the barricade on the flight deck and prepare to perform damage control: 8:45, 1:30.

Jonathon Harris Live

Country Star Jonathon Harris will perform live in Hangar Bay 2 at 8:00, 11:30 and 2:30.

Elevator Runs

There will be Elevator 2 Runs to the flight deck throughout the day. Specific times are to be determined the day of the event.

PQS Tours

Tours begin at 8:05 and leave Hangar Bay 1 every five minutes until 9:00. They resume that same schedule at 1:00 and continue until 2:00. All the stops on the PQS are also available throughout the day, with or without a tour guide.

Movies

Movies will be showing in Hangar Bay 1 beginning at 8:00 with Tiger Cruise followed by Ice Age and Brother Bear.

Medical

Get your blood pressure checked, listen to your heart and learn how to stitch up a patient at the Medical booth in Hangar Bay 3.

A fun-filled day ...



PQS Tours -- An opportunity to earn your warfare sticker. Tours will begin in Hangar Bay 1 from 8:05 - 9 a.m. and 1:00 - 2 p.m.



Face painting -- Show your patriotic spirit by having the clowns decorate your face and entertain you with balloons, all day in Hangar Bay 3.



Medical station -- Get your blood pressure checked and listen to your own heartbeat, all day in Hangar Bay 3.



Go to the Store -- The store will be open all day in Hangar Bay 2. Purchase Vinson ball caps, shirts, pens, lighters, and coffee mugs.



Movies -- Watch "Ice Age", "Tiger Cruise" and "Brother Bear" on a large screen TV all day in Hangar Bay 1.



Sumo Wrestle -- Put on oversized Sumo uniform and bully your pal out of the ring! The Sumo Fest will continue throughout the day in Hangar Bay 1.



Rock to the Beat -- Enjoy the live entertainment of Country music star Jonathan Harris, who will perform in Hangar Bay 2 at 8:00, 11:30 and 2:30.



Get "Arcade Finger" -- Play Playstation 2 and Xbox all day at the video arcade station in Hangar Bay 1.



Become a cartoon -- Sit and model for a caricature artist! All Day in Hangar Bay 3.



Security Drill -- See how the "bad guys" are taken down when they're caught on the ship. Demonstrations will be held in Hangar Bay 3 at 8:30, 11:00 and 1:15.



Tricycle race -- show off your tricycle skills all day in Hangar Bay 1.



Air demonstration -- Watch the Navy's aircraft show their stuff from the flight deck, beginning at 10:30.

Good things to know

Arrival and Departure

Guests may arrive as early as 4:45 a.m Saturday morning. Guests are requested to arrive no later than 6:00 a.m. The brow will be secured at 6:30 a.m. as the ship prepares to get underway. Liberty expires at 5:00 a.m. for crew without guests. The ship is expected to return to Pier Delta at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Base Access and Parking

Driving directions are available on the Internet at http://www.nbk.navy.mil/html/driving_directions.html. There will be a base access list at the Charleston Avenue Gate. Guests will need to provide a photo ID at the gate. Those not on the access list or not possessing a proper DOD decal will not be granted access. Parking will be available in the FISC parking lot located across the street from the carrier pier (Pier Delta). Please refer to the parking map.

Guest restrictions

Children under the age of eight years old will not be able to participate in this event. All guests should be ambulatory. This is a working military vessel and is not designed or configured for persons with ambulatory disabilities. Please ensure your guests are able to walk or stand on steel decks for four-to-eight hours, able to climb steep ladders, and are not dependent on canes or walkers.

Registration/Payment

Guests will register on board upon arrival. Guests that have not signed a liability waiver will be required to do so. A nominal fee of \$15 per person will be assessed for lunch and keepsakes. The fee is payable upon arrival. Cash only please.

Security requirements

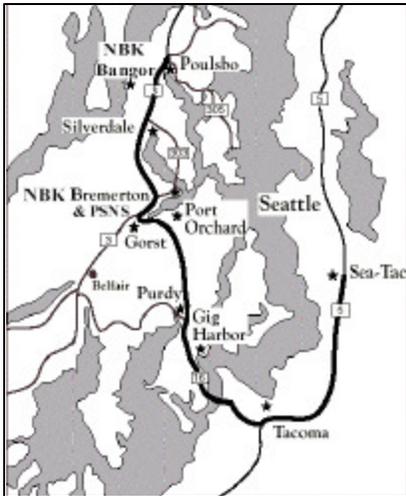
No substitutions or additions of guests will be permitted on the day of the event.

Bags

All guests will be processed through the security check-in prior to boarding. No large backpacks will be allowed on board. Daypacks, purses and small camera cases are authorized but are subject to search.

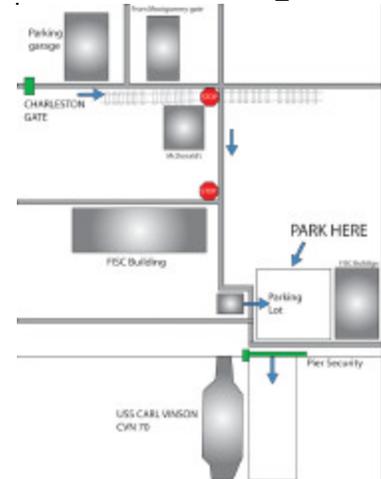
Clothing and attire

No open-toe shoes, loose jewelry, or loose clothing are authorized. A light jacket is recommended. Skirts and high-heeled shoes are not recommended.



How to find a 95,000-ton warship

From Sea-Tac Airport to NBK, Bremerton
 Follow the signs to Interstate 5 (I-5)S.
 Take I-5 South to Tacoma
 Take Exit 132 to Bremerton via State Route 16 (SR-16) North.
 Follow SR-16 to Gorst where it becomes State Route 3 (SR-3): Take Highway 304 East towards Bremerton.
 Once past Inactive Ships, and the Shipyard Power Plant (with smokestack), stay in the right lane. This lane curves right (onto Farragut Avenue) towards Charleston Gate.
 Follow the signs to Pier Delta and USS Carl Vinson.



‘The Admiral,’ Carl Vinson -- under whose name we sail

Carl Vinson Public Affairs

On March 15, 1980, Carl Vinson attended the dedication of America’s newest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), becoming the first man in history to witness the launching of a ship bearing his name.

At age 30, Carl Vinson was sworn in as the youngest member of the 63rd Congress. Nicknamed “The Admiral” by military personnel, he spent the majority of his time in Congress as Chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, which was later combined with the Military Affairs Committee to become the House Armed Services Committee.

In 1931, when he was elected chairman of the committee, Carl Vinson said to his members: “I take this opportunity to say I favor a Navy for our country second-to-

none in power. I do not advocate a Navy to rule the waves, but I do believe our country has a tremendous responsibility in helping to preserve the freedom of the seas for a peaceful commerce. Our Navy is, and must remain, our first line of national defense.”

In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt was serving his first term in office. Concerned with national and economic security he frequently sought Vinson’s advice. That same year, the Navy was allotted the largest single ship building expenditure in American history \$237 million for warship construction. Vinson was not satisfied, however, and continued to press for more funding to replace outdated naval vessels. He proposed a bill for additional funds, which passed the House in 1934.

The Trammel Bill, a parallel piece of

legislation, passed in the upper chamber on March 6. Opponents to the bill argued the ship building as premature, but just seven years after the Vinson-Trammel Act went into legislation to create new warships, the United States entered World War II with a wartime industrial mobilization unmatched in world history.

The congressman, known as “Uncle Carl” by his Georgian electors, was born in Baldwin County, Georgia in 1883. He attended Mercer University Law School in 1900, and was sworn into Congress in 1914. After serving more than 50 years as the State’s representative, he retired to Milledgeville, where he died June 1, 1981 at age 97.

“America’s favorite carrier,” USS Carl Vinson, was commissioned nine months later, March 13, 1982.

Extravaganza

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AW) Tony Sisti will keep everyone up-to-speed on the day’s activities as he broadcasts on the I-MC.

Tours of the ship, conducted by the First Class Petty Officers Association, will begin at 8:05 in Hangar Bay 1. Many of the supercarrier’s most exciting locations will be explored on the sightseeing tours. The flight deck, vulture’s row, fo’c’sle, combat and air ops are among the featured tour stops.

Children can complete a Personnel Qualification Standards booklet during the tour, demonstrating they have received training at 21 Gold Eagle workstations.

If you miss the morning tours – don’t

worry. They will be conducted again, beginning at 1:00.

Food prepared by culinary specialists is available throughout the day. Breakfast is being served from 4:45-10:00, followed by lunch from 10:30 until the end of the day.

There will also be an air show demonstration by Navy aircraft for the crew and their guests to view from the flight deck at 10:30. Elevators will run to the flight deck throughout the day. Specific times are to be determined the day of the event.

There will be numerous Navy-themed exhibitions to view over the course of the day. A security drill with a takedown demonstration will be conducted at 8:30. Sound-powered telephone and firefighting equipment demonstrations will take place throughout the day.

Country music radio station 99.3, KAYO, will broadcast from the hangar bay and country music artist Jonathon Harris will perform live throughout the day.

Jousting, sumo wrestling and tricycle races are among the activities featured in the hangar bay during the festivities. Playstation and Xbox games are also available in the hangar bay. Clowns and characters like “McGruff” will entertain kids throughout the event.

For anyone who wants to relax or just needs a break from all the hustle-bustle, the movies “Tiger Cruise,” “Ice Age” and “Brother Bear” will be shown in Hangar Bay 1.

As a safety measure, ship’s crew are reminded to stay with their guests at all times, said Gayton.

“Crew members are more familiar with shipboard dangers than our guests.”